(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and UT Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Commission for Safai Mazdoor

@@3245. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a National Commission for Safai Karamcharies; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are being worked out.

Facilities to Elderly Persons

3246. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper welfare services are available for the elderly persons in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the existing facilities; and

(c) whether Government propose to prepare an effective scheme of welfare services for the elderly persons ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Welfare has under the Eighth Plan, started a new scheme called 'Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for programmes Relating to Aged'. The scheme aims at encouraging voluntary organisations to provide facilities of old age homes, day-care centres, medicare and non-institutional services for the aged.

@@Previously unstarred Question 2073 Transferred from 11-3-93.

Stone Age Tribes

3247. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the States and Union Territories where stone age tribes are still existing in the country;

(b) what is their population, tribe-wise and area-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the population of these tribes is declining year by year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to protect this ancient tribal population ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The Mniistry is not aware of the names of the tribes of stone age. But this Ministry have identified 74 Primitive Tribal Groups who are characterised by pre-agricultural level of technology and extremely low level of literacy. The list of those Primitive Tribal Groups identified is laid on the Table of the House as statement (*see* below).

(c) to (e) A statement indicating the decline of Scheduled Tribe population in 1981 Census in relation to 1971 Census is laid on the Table of the House. (Annexure-II). According to Registrar General of India the decline of population is due to physiological effect of inbreeding, infant mortality, malnutrition, migration of some groups to other areas where the Tribes in question have not been declared as Scheduled Tribe, and wrong enumeration. Various development programmes are being implemented for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

ANNEXURE—I

Statement

S. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Name of Primitive Tribe	1981 Census
1	2	3	4
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**	(1) Bodo Gadaba	28049
		(2) Gutob Gadaba	—
		(3) Chenchu	28297
		(4) Bond Poorja	16374
		(5) Paranji Poorja	—
		(6) Khond Poorja	—
		(7) Kolam	33352
		(8) Konda Reddi	4473
		(9) Konda Savaras	18189
		(10) Kutia Khond	50727
		(11) Dongaria Khond	—
		(12) Thoti	1753
		Total	228213
2.	**Bihar**	(1) Asuras	8638
		(2) Birhor	4277
		(3) Birja	4057
		(4) Hilkharia	14177
		(5) Korwas	21940
		(6) Malpaharias	79322
		(7) Pahariyas	24012
		(8) Sauria Pararia	39269
		(9) Saver	3014
		Total	198751
3.	**Gujarat**	(1) Katods	4360
		(2) Kotkodi	15837
		(3) Padhar	9322
		(4) Sidoki	5600
		(5) Kotoha	26060
		Total	61179
4.	**Karnataka**	(1) Jenu Kurubas	17865
		(2) Korgas	15810
		Total	33675
5.	**Kerala**	(1) Cholakaikayan (A Section of Kattaunaiokns)	8803
		(2) Kadar	1503
		(3) Kattunaickns	8803
		(4) Kurumbas	1283
		(5) Koraga	1503
		Total	13374

6. Madhya Pradesh	(1) Abujhmarias	1500
	(2) Baigas	139665
	(3) Bharias	1589
	(4) Hill Korbas	16860
	(5) Kamras	13500
	(6) Saharias	207600
	(7) Birhor	886
	Total	395600
7. Maharashtra	(1) Katkari (Kathodia)	174602
	(2) Kolam	118073
	(3) Maria Gond	66750
	Total	359425
8. Manipur	(1) Marram Nagas	5972
	Total	5972
9. Orissa	(1) Birhor	142
	(2) Bondaporia	5895
	(3) Didayi	1978
	(4) Dongria Khond	1145
	(5) Juangs	4217
	(6) Kharias	1531
	(7) Kutia Khond	5208
	(8) Kanjia Souras	6255
	(9) Lodhas	5100
	(10) Mankidias	205
	(11) Paudi Bhuyvans	7145
	(12) Soura	6216
	Total	45037
10. Rajasthan	(1) Saharias	33978
	Total	33978
11 Tamil Nadu	(1) Kattu Naikkose	26383
	(2) Kptas	604
	(3) Krumbas	4354
	(4) Irulab	105757
	(5) Paniyana	6393
	(6) Todas	875
	Total	144366
12. Tripura	(1) Reanos	84004
	Total	84004
13. Uttar Pradesh	(1) Buxas	30938
	(2) Rajia	478
	Total	31406

1	2	3	4
14.	West Bengal	(1) Birhor	214
		(2) Lodhas	53717
		(3) Totos	716
		Total	54647
15	Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . .	(1) Great Andamanese	28
		(2) Jarawas .	200
		(3) Onges	98
		(4) Sentensnese	80
		(5) Shomnens	214
		Total	620
		GRAND TOTAL	1690257

ANNEXURE—II

Name of the Scheduled Tribes	Name of the State	Population according to 1971 Census	Population according to 1981 Census
1. Bharwad	Gujarat	531	559
2 Khamba	Arunacha Pradesh	848	342
3 Khowa	Arunacha Pradesh	703	625
4. Kota	*India*	1291	720
	Karnataka	103	75
	Keral	—	41
	Tami Nadu	1188	604
5. Malaye Kandi . . .	*India*	543	199
	Karnataka	46	129
	Tamil Nadu	497	70
6. Maleru	Karnataka	1321	966
7. Onge	A. & N. Islands	112	07
8 Yobin . . .	Arunachal Pradesh	929	5
9. Zakhring	Arunachal Pradesh	23	14

Financing of Agricultural land for SCs

3248. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA ROA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to finance State-Governments to purchase land for Scheduled Castes for agricultural puposes; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b): Government of India has not formulated any scheme to finance State Governments to purchase land for Scheduled Castes for agricultural purposes. However, National SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation has financed 12 schemes for purchase of land for agriculture and allied purposes. They are spread over 8 States with aggregate cost of Rs. 5097 lakhs with NSFDC's share of Rs. 2844 lakhs to benefit 20523 beneficiaries. The details are enclosed.